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Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 1, line 1:

This is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/490,525, filed January 25, 2000, and titled TISSUE FASTENER, which is incorporated by reference.